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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. VITO SCALIA AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE CONCERNED OVER AN APPARENT GROWING DISINCLINATION WITHIN THE CISL MINORITY TO UNDERTAKE THE FORMATION OF A NEW LABOR CONFEDERATION. THEY FEAR THIS WILL BE CONFIRMED IN THEIR FEBRUARY 13-15 MEETING. ACCORDING TO SCALIA CONFIDANT LOMAZZI, THE FORMER ENJOYS THE SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS WITHIN THE DC AS WELL AS THE AFL-CIO AND THE GERMAN DGB, BUT CAN COUNT ON ONLY THE TRANSPORTATION WORKERS TO RESPOND TO A CALL TO SECEDE FROM CISL. END SUMMARY.

2. RENZO LOMAZZI, OFFICIAL OF THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS MOVEMENT (MCL) AND FORMER EEC DIRECTOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS, CALLED ON EMBOFF TO CONVEY THE CONCERN OF VITO SCALIA OVER THE EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE MEETING WHICH THE CISL MINORITY IS TO HOLD FEBRUARY 13-15 (SEE REFTEL). ACCORDING TO LOMAZZI, SCALIA HAS TALKED WITH LEADERS OF ALL FACTIONS WITHIN THE
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CISL MINORITY AND COME TO THE CONCLUSION THEY WILL DECIDE

AGAINST A SPLIT AND REMAIN WITHIN CISL AS OPPONENTS OF FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL (CCU). OF THE FIVE OR SIX CATEGORIES WITHIN THE CISL MINORITY WITH A TOTAL ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP OF 700,000 TO 800,000, ONLY THE TRANSPORT WORKERS (ESTIMATED 30,000 MEMBERS) WHO ARE LED BY EZIO LEOLINI, APPEAR PREPARED TO FOLLOW SCALIA OUT OF CISL IF THE LATTER SO INSISTS. IN OTHER WORKDS, THE POSITION OF FARMWORKERS LEADER PAOLO SARTORI IS LIKELY TO PREVAIL.

3. IF THE SARTORI LINE HOLDS, SCALIA BELIEVES THE CISL MINORITY WILL BECOME STATIC. AT THE SAME TIME, LOMAZZI STATES, CISL SECRETARY GENERAL BRUNO STORTI AND CGIL SECRETARY GENERAL LUCIANO LAMA APPEAR TO BE DEVELOPING A STRATEGY OF MINIMIZING DISCUSSION OF THE UNITY QUESTION, PREFERRING TO TREAT IT AS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT.

4. IF THE OUTCOME OF THE CISL MINORITY MEETING DOES CONFIRM SARTORI'S POSITION, SCALIA WILL ATTEMPT SET UP A LABOR UNION TRAINING INSTITUTE TO SERVE AS AN INSITUTIONAL BASE FOR CONTINUING HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST LABOR UNION UNITY. LOMAZZI SAID SCALIA CONTINUES TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WHO SYMPATHIZE WITH HIS OBJECTIVES AND MEETS ALMOST WEEKLY WITH BUDGET MINISTER GIULIO ANDREOTTI. LOMAZZI ALSO CLAIMS TO BE SERVING AS A LINK BETWEEN SCALIA AND AFL-CIO REPRESENTATIVE IRVING BROWN. LOMAZZI SAID, FOR EXAMPLE, HE WOULD MEET WITH BROWN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FEBRUARY 13-15 MEETING TO DISCUSS ITS OUTCOME.

5. LOMAZZI ALSO REVEALED SUPPORT BY THE GERMAN DGB FOR SCALIA'S CISL MINORITY GROUP. HE SAID THE DGB HAD OFFERED LAST AUGUST TO FINANCE A SPLIT FROM CISL WHICH WAS TO HAVE OCCURRED AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

6. COMMENT. LOMAZZI ONCE ENJOYED THE POSITION OF EMINENCE GRISE WITH FORMER CISL LEADER PASTORE. SINCE HIS RETIREMENT FROM HIS FORMER EEC POSITION HE HAS ASSUMED AN INFORMAL ACTIVE ROLE IN SUPPORT OF SCALIA'S EFFORTS TO HALT THE MOVEMENT TOWARD FURTHER LABOR UNION UNITY IN ITALY. SCALIA'S APPREHENSIONS MAY WELL BE BASED IN PART ON THE RESULTS OF EFFORTS BY SARTORI AND OTHERS TO EASE HIM OUT OF HIS LEADING

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